

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 1, please delete "Description."

Please add the following new paragraph prior to paragraph 1:

PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 102 39 516.0 filed on August 28, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new title before the third full paragraph on page 2:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new title after the sixth full paragraph on page 4:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following two new paragraphs after the last paragraph on page 7:

The invention has been described in an illustrative manner, and it is to be understood that the terminology which has been used is intended to be in the nature of words of description rather than of limitation.

Obviously, many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims, wherein reference numerals are merely for convenience and are not to be in any way limiting, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.